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Re: Support of the Substitute Bill SB422 (An act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled Water) Legislative Hearing Friday March 11th at 11 AM

Dear Planning and Development Committee:

As a lifelong CT resident and a 23 year resident of West Hartford. I want to show my support for Bill Substitute Bill SB422 that Sen. Bye has submitted. Points to consider:

- ⇒ **Protect residents, not water bottlers during a drought.** If the DPH declares a Drought Advisory, the production of bottled water for export out of state needs to stop.
- ⇒ **Rescind water rate discounts for water bottlers.** They extract large amounts of our municipal water and spring water, fill the environment with plastic pollution, and profit while citizens are conserving and paying more.
- ⇒ **Rescind the *Special Sewer Service Charge* discount for water bottlers (now known as the *Clean Water Project Charge*).** CT ratepayers have paid for years to build infrastructure for clean water; no discounts for corporations.
- ⇒ **Re-establish a citizen MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) watch dog committee.**
- ⇒ **Impose a moratorium on any new large capacity agreements** until the State Water Plan is completed and addresses the issue of water bottling companies diverting water out of watersheds.

Please, do not allow Niagara Bottling and the Town of Bloomfield to move forward with this plan. It will be detrimental to all MDC residences!

Respectfully,

Robin Brennan